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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES - UNCTAD/COCOA
CONFERENCE

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1. WHILE WE IN GENERAL SHARE MISSION'S VIEWS PARA 3 REFTL,
U.S. CONCERN WITH AVOIDING CONFRONTATION ON COMMODITIES
ISSUES AT THIS TIME OVERRIDES U.S. OBJECTIONS ON
ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY GROUNDS TO ADDING UNCTAD COCOA
CONFERENCE TO 1975 UN CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES.

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2. DECISION TO HOLD CONFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE NEW COCOA AGREEMENT UNDER AUSPICES OF UNCTAD INSTEAD OF INTERNATIONAL COCOA ORGANIZATION MADE IN ORDER TO ENABLE FULL U.S. PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS. U.S. HAS GIVEN POSITIVE SIGNALS RE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN NEGOTIATION NEW AGREEMENT. IF U.S. TAKES LEADERSHIP IN OPPOSING SCHEDULING OF CONFERENCE IN 1975, FOR WHATEVER REASONS, IT WILL BE INTERPRETED BY G-77/NAG AS SIGNAL OF NEGATIVISM ON COMMODITIES MATTERS AND COCOA AGREEMENT IN PARTICULAR. THIS AGREEMENT IS BEING RENEGOTIATED SPECIFICALLY TO MAKE IT POTENTIALLY ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. WE HAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THIS ATTEMPT AT ACCOMMODATION AND DO NOT WANT TO SEND FALSE SIGNALS RE OUR INTENTIONS.

3. SHOULD UNCTAD/COCOA CONFERENCE BE POSTPONED UNTIL 1976 IT CLEARLY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE RATIFICATION PROCESSES PRIOR TO TIME NEW AGREEMENT SCHEDULED TO TAKE EFFECT AND OLD AGREEMENT EXPIRES ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1976.

4. ACCORDINGLY, U.S. REP IN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES SHOULD CONCUR IN HOLDING CONFERENCE IN 1975. IF CONSENSUS DEVELOPS THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD BE POSTPONED, WITH UK AND FRANCE (AND HOPEFULLY USSR) IN LEADERSHIP ROLE, U.S. REP MAY GIVE LOW KEY SUPPORT. IN NO EVENT SHOULD U.S. REP TAKE LEAD IN OPPOSING OR BE ISOLATED FROM OTHER MAJOR COCOA CONSUMERS. KISSINGER

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